

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No. 2098

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CHANEY et al.

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Application No.: 09/147,721

Examiner: M. Ibrahim

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For: METHOD FOR PHYTOMINING OF NICKEL, COBALT AND

OTHER METALS FROM SOIL

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 10, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for three (3) months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 10, 2002 from October 10, 2002 to January 10, 2003.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$520 (small entity) to cover the extension fee (\$465) and Terminal Disclaimer fee (\$55). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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